

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Fred Mesch Project

2. Name of applicant: Fred Mesch.

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

4264 Bussard Lake Rd.

Loon Lake, WA 99148

4. Date checklist prepared: 8/17/04

5. Agency requesting checklist: WA. ST. Dept. of Natural Resources

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

August - November 2004

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

No

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

WA. ST. Forest Practices Application submitted

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

Unknown

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

WA ST. Dept of Natural Resources Forest Practices Application

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Uneven-aged harvest via Rubber tire skidder ~ 58.91 acres, leaving 70 trees/acre >10" and 40 trees/acre <10" Est. volume 100,000 board feet. Exclude Type A wetland delineated and add 50ft WMZ buffer from wetland edge from harvest activity except uphill lift head end cable yarded in position felled and away from Type A wetland edge. ~~No~~ Skidder, Slash, Scarification within 30 feet of wetland edge.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

58.91 acres SE 1/4 Sec 14 T31 R41E Stevens County

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B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

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- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland. *silt/sand loam*

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe. *no*

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill. *N/A*

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

no

*Minor erosion could occur.
Road maintenance
required under forest
practice rules.*

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

N/A

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

No entry Type A Wetland w/ 50ft Wetland Management zone.

- a. **Air**

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

N/A

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

no

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

Run skidder 4 hours per day only.

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3. Water

a. Surface:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Type 5 + Type A Wetland ~~is~~ associated.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. Yes. See FPA

attached

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

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- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. no

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

not known

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

no

b. Ground:

- 1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

no

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

none

Wetland management
zone required under
forest practice rules.

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c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow?

Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Surface water 2 months out of year; provide buffer
filter of 50 ft WMZ 1500 ft upstream of Type 5
entering Buzzard Lake. Type 5 stream and assoc. Type A Wetland areas.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

no

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

WMZ 50 ft from wetland edge. Water bar temporary road and
leave existings ^{road} ditches with vegetation. No harvest entry in Type A Wetland.

4. Plants (See activity map attached).

- a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

☒ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

☒ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

☒ shrubs

☒ grass

☐ pasture

☐ crop or grain

☒ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other (sedges Carex sp.)

☐ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

☐ other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Conifers only ~100,000 board feet outside WMZ.

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None known

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Natural reforestation regeneration.

5. Animals

- a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: hawk red-tailed

mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: deer

fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None known

None on TRAX. however if
on identified site located,
other operations Contact Tribe

None on TRAX.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

None known

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Wildlife Reserve Trees left clumped within 50 ft w.m.z.

6. Energy and natural resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

gasoline for skidder only.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties?

If so, generally describe. no

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal?

List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: 4 hours running skidder per day only.

7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

skidder on slopes < 25%

minor risk of
spill from equipment,
Contact Dept. of
Ecology if spill occurs.

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Contact Stevens County Fire District Hazmat Loon Lake, WA.

- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

4 hours p/day running skidder on project site.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

skidder

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

4 hours p/day running skidder during duration of project harvest.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Run skidder 4 hours p/day during duration of project harvest.

8. Land and shoreline use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? There are 2 adjacent homesites. Existing barn and homesite ~ 300ft².
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.
no
- c. Describe any structures on the site.
Existing homesite with barn ~ 300ft².
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?
No
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?
Forest land
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?
not known
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?
not known
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.
not known
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?
2 people
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?
0
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:
not applicable.

1. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

~~Upper~~ Unevenage harvest for forest health and fire retention concerns on site.

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Excluded homesite area (see attached activity map).

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

0

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Creation of 125 ft fire prevention buffer (One tree + 1/2 length) from existing excluded homesite.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Not applicable

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Leave filter trees with the 50ft WMZ.

Minor impact to aesthetics due to timber removal.

11. Light and glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

none known

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

none known

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

none known

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

none known

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

home dwellings.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

no

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

none known.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

none known.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

none known

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

Albion natural reforest regeneration.

None on TRAX,
however if an
unidentified site is
located, cease operations
& contact Tribes DNR.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

~~road~~ Buzzard Lake Rd along western boundary
Private Drive and not County owned. No Right of way
applicable.

- b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? No

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate? 0

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). No

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. *no*

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur. *1 per day ~4 hours p/day*

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

~4 hours skidder running p/day

15. Public services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

no

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

not applicable.

16. Utilities

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

electricity, sanitary septic

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

not applicable.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature:

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Date Submitted:

8/17/04

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